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first layer and an inelastically stretchable second layer formed with a plurality of continuous fibers and the continuous fibers being fixed to the first layer in at least a pair of bonding zones spaced apart from each other so that  $L/D$ , i.e., a ratio of a length  $L$  of the continuous fiber extending between the pair of the bonding zones to a distance  $D$  in straight line between the pair of bonding zones is larger in a desired range of the covering member than in the remaining zone.

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Another aspect of this invention concerns a process for making a disposable diaper comprising an elastically stretchable covering member adapted to cover diaper wearer's crotch and waist regions and a liquid-absorbent core member sandwiched between a liquid-pervious sheet destined to come in contact with skin of the diaper wearer and the covering member.

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According to this invention one process comprises steps of bonding an elastically stretchable first layer destined to form the covering member and a second layer formed with a plurality of inelastically stretchable continuous fibers together in a plurality of intermittently formed bonding zones and thereby to form a composite sheet, stretching only a portion of the composite sheet in one direction so that the first layer forming the portion may be elastically stretched together with the continuous fibers, and then leaving the composite sheet contract under a contractile force of the first layer to form the covering member.